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TENTATIVE U. S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES FOR LIVE POULTRY



U. S. GRADE A

Well-fleshed, vigorous birds, plump and full-feathered, with bright red combs and soft glossy skin. Must be soft-meated for birds of its class, and free from tears, bruises and deformities. Excess abdominal fat or broken bones not permitted. Must be free from external evidence of disease.

U. S. GRADE B

Fairly well-fleshed birds, fairly well-feathered, free from tears, bruises or deformities. Broken bones not permitted. Must be free from external evidence of disease.

U. S. GRADE C

May be poorly fleshed and poorly feathered birds but not emaciated. Carcass may show few scratches, tears, or bruises. Deformed birds permitted if fairly well-fleshed. Not more than one broken bone permitted. Must be free from highly infectious diseases.

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CLASSES	BREED SUBCLASSES	WEIGHT CLASSES	DESCRIPTION
Chickens	: Barred Rocks	Small - Under $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	: Young, soft meated chickens
	: Other Heavy Breeds	Medium - $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	: of either sex, with flexible breast bones
	: Light Breeds	Large - Over $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	
Stags	: All breeds	All Weights	: Young male chickens which have begun to get hard meated and coarse and showing well developed comb and spurs. Breast bones becoming rigid.
Capon	: All breeds	Small - 5 lbs. and under	: Unsexed male birds showing practically no comb or spur development and with profuse tail, saddle and hackle plumage.
		Large - Over 5 lbs.	
Fowl	: Heavy Breeds	Small - Under 4 lbs.	: Mature female chickens
	: Light Breeds	Medium - 4 - 5 lbs.	: with hardened breast bone.
		Large - Over 5 lbs.	
Cocks	: All Breeds	All Weights	: Mature male chickens with hardened breast bone.
Turkeys	All Breeds	Small-9 lbs. and under	: Immature female turkeys with flexible breast bone.
		Young Hens-under	
		Large-Over 9 lbs.	
		Small-11 lbs. and under	: Mature female turkeys with hardened breast bone.
		Old Hens- under	
		Large-Over 11 lbs:	
		Small-12 lbs. and under	: Immature male turkeys with flexible breast bone.
		Young Toms-under	
		Large-Over 12 lbs:	
		Small-20 lbs. and under	: Mature male turkeys with hardened breast bone.
Ducks	All Breeds	Old Toms- under	
		Large-Over 20 lbs:	
		Small-4 lbs. and under	: Immature ducks of either sex, with easily dented windpipe.
		Large-Over 4 lbs.	
		Small-4 lbs. and under	: Mature ducks of either sex with rigid windpipe.
Geese	: Muscovy	Large-Over 9 lbs.:	
	: All Other Breeds	Chinese or Swan	: Young or old of either sex.
	: All other Breeds	Large- Over 9 lbs.	
Guineas	All Breeds	Young - All weights	: Immature guineas of either sex with flexible breast bone.
		Old - All weights	: Mature guineas of either sex with rigid breast bone.
		All Weights	: Young immature soft meated pigeons of either sex.
Squabs	: All Breeds	All Weights	: Mature hard meated pigeons of either sex.
Pigeons	: All Breeds	All Weights	

